

Remarks

Claims 1-12, 19-37 and 41-54 have been cancelled. Claims 38 and 39 are currently amended. After entry of this amendment, claims 13-18, 38-40 and 55-65 will be pending.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 32-37 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,957,570 (Helm) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,429,576 (Doder-Winkler). Claims 32-37 and 41 have been cancelled, so this rejection is mooted.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

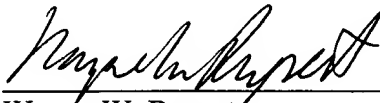
Claims 38-40 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but, according to the Examiner, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claims 38 and 40 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 32. Claim 40 depends from claim 39 and therefore should be allowable without amendment.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now in the application define over the cited prior art, are neither anticipated nor made obvious by the prior art, and should be allowable. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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